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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Massage Licensing Act (225 ILCS 57), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Massage Licensing Act (225 ILCS 57) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Add a definition of "Email address of record," standardizing IDFPR's initiative to become more efficient and paperless.

Massage therapists are responsible for safely providing massage services to the people of Illinois. It is vital to the health, safety and welfare of Illinois citizens that the public be protected from unauthorized, unqualified or unprofessional massage therapists through licensure. The absence of this Act would mean that massage therapists would not be required to meet educational and professional competencies.

There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

JB Pritzker

Governor